

# USDA/FNS/Food Distribution

## Project No. 6 (Completed)

**Project No. 6:** Multi-Stop Pilot  
**State Partner:** Texas, Colorado, Kentucky and Florida  
**Industry Partner:** All USDA vendors delivering commodities to pilot destinations

**Reference:** To view and/or download the memorandum issued regarding the implementation of multiple-stop offs, click on the following Food Distribution link: ([www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fd2000/rpts/multi-stopmemo.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fd2000/rpts/multi-stopmemo.pdf)).

**Scope:** States are approved to participate and may submit orders with splits to three destinations.

**Concept Tested:** Relaxing truckload delivery policy.

**Background:** USDA's current policy limits stop-offs on truckload deliveries to one stop and a final. To resolve distribution and delivery problems or to address inventory issues a State may need to have more than two stop-offs for a truckload.

**Project Description:** The state submit orders to destinations, as needed, with stop-offs to three destinations.

**Status:** The pilot was extended through June 2003.

**Findings:** USDA did not have any difficulty filling the split orders. Additional stop-offs cost about \$50 a stop, plus freight, which depends on the location of the warehouses. Freight for dry transportation runs about \$1.35 per mile and for reefer about \$1.45.

**Next Steps:** In SY 2004 States will be permitted to submit orders for three stops on a limited basis. USDA will continue to monitor orders to ensure procurement and to ensure this option is only exercised to resolve operational problems on an exception basis. A memorandum was sent to States April 2003 announcing this option.

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